

# SELF-DETERMINATION

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## 2019: Year in Review

As the year winds down, let's look back at where we started and where we are at now during this first full year of initial implementation of the Self-Determination Program (SDP) in California. In 2019, Orientations were launched, Person-Centered Plans were facilitated, Individual Budget certification began, and Spending Plans were developed. Financial Management Services providers have been vendored and are providing services. Nearly 100 individuals have begun purchasing their services and supports from their budgets and are fully in the SDP. Local Advisory Committees and Regional Centers have begun hosting resource fairs and "meet and mingle" events. The State Council and other organizations have provided Independent Facilitation training to hundreds of individuals and DDS has just made a second selection of participants.

We have spent time listening, adjusting, clarifying, and working out solutions together leading to new perspectives and unexpected partnerships. It has been bumpy at times but as time passes, the process will become smoother. Future participants will reap the benefits of this initial implementation work. So much has been accomplished, resulting in real and meaningful outcomes for individuals. It has been quite a year!

